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Silas O. Smith House (or
Ernest R. Willard House,
Rochester, Monroe County, N. Y.

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SILAS O. SMITH HOUSE
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485 East Avenue
Rochester, Monroe County
New York

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willard.

Date of Erection: 1841.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition : Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Brick; stone base.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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HISTORICAL DATA OF
SILAS O. SMITH HOUSE
ERNEST R. WILLARD HOUSE
Rochester, New York

The construction of ^{the} house located at 485 East Avenue, corner of Sibley Place, now owned and occupied (1934) by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willard, was commenced in 1839 and occupied November 13, 1841, by Silas O. Smith, according to information given by Mrs. Willard to the Old Homes Committee.

Silas O. Smith died in 1863, and the house was then occupied by Hiram Smith (who was not related to the original owner). Still later, the house was occupied by Frank Lord from 1870-1874, who sold it to Hiram Sibley.

In 1875, Mr. Sibley present the house to Hobart F. Atkinson, father of Mrs. Willard. Mr. Sibley tore down the kitchen wing of two and a half stories, and made some slight changes in the interior, and, in later years, the wooden entrance on the side was replaced by a stone structure and two windows were added on the west side.

Old letters that have been preserved show that the house was occupied on November 13, 1841, and was known as Woodside, being then quite on the outskirts of the city. The building is a fine example of its type of architecture (Greek Revival) and its sturdy structure gives every promise of rounding out a century of existence, and going on for still another hundred years.

Amy H. Croughton.

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